

Windsor Close Case Study





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Case Study Title: Play Area Improvements at Windsor Close, Southwater for Horsham DC

Client: Deborah Mallard (Projects Officer)

- Horsham District Council - Parkside, Chart Way, Horsham, West Sussex. RH12 1RL

Location: The Play Area, Windsor Close, Southwater, West Sussex. RX13 9XH

Budget: £23k

Description:

A small play area within a housing area in Southwater underwent a gradual metamorphosis into a beautiful butterfly garden to provide imaginative play opportunities for families with young children.

New life is being breathed into the pocket open space at Windsor Close in Southwater with the installation of innovative play equipment. Specially designed for 1-8 year old children and to reflect the butterfly theme, the features included a slide and climbing net, see-saw, bee springer and cradle nest swing.

Special care was taken to select plants which attract butterflies and a new small wildflower meadow provides an attractive burst of colour in the spring/summer season and provides a nectar source for butterflies.

Since young children enjoy the whole of this green space, new signs ask dog walkers to keep their dogs on a lead when walking through the area.

Playsafe Playgrounds successfully tendered and was awarded the contract for the project with their proposal of individually designed Hardwood Robinia Timber Play Equipment (BS EN 1176 Standard), this in conjunction with a number of third party, items of furniture.

The Playsafe Playgrounds equipment manufactured by Dylan Group included:

- Single Robinia Timber Tower Unit with the following features - stainless steel slide, climbing ramp with hardwood grips, spiders web steel core rope with stainless steel frame, hand carved stained butterfly
- Robinia Timber Toddler Nest Swing
- Robinia Timber Seesaw
- Hand carved Oak Stained Bee Springer complete with rope antenna

The rubber surfacing used for the project was Playsafe Playgrounds fully tested (BS EN 1177) and certified Safamulch Safety Surfacing.

The Play Equipment for the project was manufactured by the Dylan Group and fabricated in their workshops in West Sussex by a professional team of highly skilled craftsmen using hardwood timber (specially selected and graded Robinia Timber from Eastern Europe) complete with Stainless Steel fixings and fittings.

On completion, the pre-assembled play equipment was delivered directly to site and installed by the Playsafe Playgrounds installation team.

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Client Comments:

Deborah Mallard (Projects Officer) Horsham District Council commented - *"We are very pleased with the overall scheme and particularly the bespoke play items fabricated by Dylan Group which helped to reinforce the butterfly theme for the open space. Positive comments have been received from local residents."*

URL Links:

- Horsham District Council - www.horsham.gov.uk
- Playsafe Playgrounds - www.playsafeplaygrounds.co.uk
- Dylan Group - www.dylangroup.co.uk
- Parkmarks Southern - www.parkmarks-southern.co.uk